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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	September 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Kevin Brown, Professional Member-President
Dr. Sonja Biddle, Professional Member
Joseph Nestlerode, Public Member-Secretary
Dr. Margaret Prouse, Public Member

Members Absent

Dr. Katherine Miller, Professional Member-Vice President

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting. Dr Biddle, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nestlerode, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Current Reciprocity Rules & Regulations

Ms. Singh and the members of the Board discussed the current Delaware Rules and Regulations to determine the number of hours per year that would be acceptable and comparable to the practice hours as well as licensure requirements in Delaware. Dr. Brown made a motion, to approve the amended Reciprocity Rules and Regulations with the practice hours set at two hundred. The motion was seconded by Dr. Prouse. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Singh stated that she would submit a final copy of the proposed regulations to be made available for the Board to review at the September 12, 2019 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Internship Completion Application(s)

The Board reviewed the Internship Completion application submitted by Dr. Thomas Rooney. Dr. Biddle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Prouse to approve the Dr. Rooney for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ratification of CE Approval Request(s)

Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle to approve the following CE's:

1. Eye Care of Delaware-MIGS Update
2. Tom Cocoran – Masqueraders: Is This Glaucoma
3. Tom Cocoran- What's New In Glaucoma

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Internship Application(s)

Patricia Jones- Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle to approve to begin her six month internship. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mohammed Eissa- Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle to approve Mohammed Eissa to begin his six month internship contingent on answering Question 22 of his application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Zefanne Bergado- Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nestlerode to approve to begin her six month internship. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sean Gretz and Micaela Small, Dr. Brown recused himself from these two applicants as they are affiliated with Dr. Brown at Simon Eye. Dr. Biddle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Prouse to approve Sean Gretz and Micaela Small to begin their six month internships. By unanimous vote, the motion carried

Whitley Korley-Dr. Biddle explained that each supervisor can only supervise one intern at a time. Dr. Brown requested that a letter be drafted and sent to Dr. Karley's supervisors to make them aware that each supervisor is only able to supervise on intern at a time.

Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle to approve Whitley Korley to begin her six month internship. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Reciprocity Application(s)

Donna Elcock-Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Prouse to approve Dr. Elcock for licensure by Reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

John Kardos- Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Prouse to approve Dr. John Kardos for licensure by reciprocity, contingent on answering Question 22 of his application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Edward DeNeVe-Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Prouse to Propose to Deny Dr. DeNeVe as New York Laws and Rules and Regulations are not substantially similar to those of Delaware. Dr. DeNeVe will be sent a certified letter explaining his options for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board discussed the current Optometry application approval process.

Lea Menear- Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nestlerode to approve Dr. Lenear for licensure by reciprocity contingent on receiving a New Jersey licensure verification and Criminal History Report. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The members of the Board reviewed the letter submitted by Michelle Bryant from NBEO regarding a request to amend the Therapeutic Licensure application to add a requirement which would have each applicant list their OE Tracker Number so that the credentialist will be able to retrieve National Examination Scores. ARBO and Nemours

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

The Board discussed the process for allowing a Therapeutic license to expire. In addition the Board decided the percentage of Post-Renewal audit and decided on 20%. Dr. Brown made a motion, Dr. Prouse to approve the 20% audit. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Dr. Biddle, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal.